## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

LOWEY DANNENBERG COHEN, P.C., in its capacity as account holder of, and party with interest in, the REZULIN SETTLEMENT FUND,

Plaintiff,

- VS -

JAMES R. DUGAN, II, STEPHEN B. MURRAY d/b/a THE MURRAY LAW FIRM, RAWLINGS AND ASSOCIATES, PLLC, GREG MURPHY, MORAIN & MURPHY, LLC, WALLACE JORDAN RATLIFF & BRANDT, LLC, ELWOOD S. SIMON & ASSOCIATES, P.C., KERSHAW, CUTTER & RATINOFF, LLP, BERMAN DEVALERIO PEASE TABACCO BURT & PUCILLO, MARK FISCHER, GEORGE RAWLINGS, SHIPMAN & GOODWIN

Defendants.

Case No. 08-CIV-0461 (LAK)

**ECF CASE** 

## **DECLARATION OF ROSS H. GARBER, ESQ.**

ROSS H. GARBER, ESQ., hereby declares under the penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the truth of the following:

- 1. I am a partner in Shipman & Goodwin, LLP ("Shipman & Goodwin") a law firm organized as a limited liability partnership under the laws of the state of Connecticut.
- 2. Shipman & Goodwin maintains its only offices in Connecticut.
- 3. No Shipman & Goodwin partner is a citizen of Louisiana.

- 4. Shipman & Goodwin does not maintain an office in the state of Louisiana, or have any general contacts with the state of Louisiana.
- 5. Shipman & Goodwin does not practice law in the state of Louisiana.
- 6. In connection with the litigation which led to the creation of the Rezulin Settlement Fund at issue in this litigation, no one from Shipman & Goodwin engaged in any activity or practice of law in the state of Louisiana.
- 7. In connection with the litigation which led to the creation of the Rezulin Settlement Fund, Shipman & Goodwin's sole activity in this matter was to assist Lowey Dannenberg in the litigation in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and/or the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.
- 8. Shipman & Goodwin has been informed of the pendency of the case captioned *Dugan*, et al. v. Murphy, et al., 2007-06907 from Section 10-F of the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana (filed July 18, 2007), in which Shipman & Goodwin was not named as a party.
- 9. Shipman & Goodwin claims an interest in the Rezulin Settlement Fund.
- 10. Shipman & Goodwin will not consent to the jurisdiction of the Civil

  District Court for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana to determine

  Shipman & Goodwin's interest in the Rezulin Settlement Fund.

11. Shipman & Goodwin consents to jurisdiction of the Southern District of

New York to determine the parties respective entitlement to the Rezulin

Settlement Fund.

Ross H. Garber, ESO.,

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 

I certify that I am over eighteen years of age and am not a party to this action. On

January 31, 2008, I served a copy of the Declaration of Ross H. Garber, Esq. using the CM/ECF

system which will send notification of such filing to registered counsel electronically. Pursuant

to that notification, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was sent via email to any party or

counsel not receiving electronic service from the CM/ECF pursuant to the consent of all parties

to this form of service.

Dated:

January 31, 2008

White Plains, New York

/s/ Todd S. Garber

TODD S. GARBER